

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7010

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Geoffrey A. Wolpert
upon his receipt of the 2023 Great Smoky
Mountain Council Good Scout Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Geoffrey A. Wolpert, who was recently honored with the 2023 Great Smoky Mountain Council Good Scout Award for his outstanding support and promotion of Scouting; and

WHEREAS, the owner of The Peddler Steakhouse in Gatlinburg, Mr. Wolpert served in several leadership roles with the Boy Scouts as a young man and earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of South Carolina in 1978, Geoffrey Wolpert moved to Gatlinburg and became a management trainee at The Peddler Steakhouse before purchasing the restaurant; he also went on to design, build, and operate The Park Grill; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, he became a board member of The First National Bank of Gatlinburg and served as vice chairman; through mergers, he joined the board of BankFirst of Knoxville and became a founding director of SmartBank in 2007; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his community, Mr. Wolpert was a founding member of Leadership Sevier as well as the founder of Nine Counties One Vision; he also served as board president of Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, founding president of The Gatlinburg Gateway Foundation, founding board member and president of Knoxville Jewish Day School, and a

member of the boards of the Dr. Robert Thomas Foundation, Temple Beth El, The East Tennessee Foundation, and United Way of Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, he has been recognized by the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce as a Volunteer of the Year and honored with the Gatlinburg Rotary Vocational Service Award, United Way Leadership Award, and the 2014 Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Zeno Wall Jr. Tourism Award; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable service to Sevier County, Geoffrey Wolpert epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Wolpert for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Geoffrey A. Wolpert upon his receipt of the 2023 Great Smoky Mountain Council Good Scout Award, thank him for his meritorious service to Sevier County and this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.